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TRAIN HELD UP BY TWO BANDITS

Turn Engine Loose After Escaping With Booty

Presence Of Mind Displayed By Woman Telephone Operator Prevents Collision With Freight—Mail Clerk Is Forced To Throw Nine Registered Packages From Car—Robbers Steal Horse And Boat In Making Escape—Two Suspects Arrested

San Francisco, April 18.—The Overland Limited was held up near Benicia by two masked men. One covered the engineer and fireman, while the other, after locking the passengers in the Pullmans, went through the mail cars, riding the registered mail bags.

The train robbed carried no express matter. The mail clerk was forced by the robbers to throw out nine of the 36 registered packages, and of these nine, four have been recovered. The robbers were too closely pursued to go through them.

One Tall, Other Short.

The robbery was committed by two men, one tall and dark, the other short. They appeared to be railway mechanics. The robbers, after making Mail Clerk Black of the mail car throw out nine packages of registered mail, took those packages on the baggage car and ran the engine and baggage car down the track two miles. There the engine was uncoupled and sent down the track with the throttle wide open. It was only the presence of mind of the telephone operator at Suisun that prevented a disastrous collision between this engine and a westbound train. She warned the Oakland office and Tolamas station was advised by wire to throw open a switch for the runaway engine.

The robbers took a boat after riding the mail sacks and rowed across to Bullhead Point. There they abandoned the boat, stole a

horse and buggy and struck out for the hills. Poses have been chasing them, and two suspects who are believed to be the robbers have been captured.

RANCHMAN DISAPPEARS

London, April 18.—The Atlantic transport line steamer Minnehaha, Captain Leyland, from New York for London, has been wrecked on the Seal Rocks, Scilly Islands. Her passengers and crew are being landed on Bryher Island, one of the Scilly group.

Tom Loftus Passes Away.
Dubuque, Ia., April 18.—Tom J. Loftus, veteran baseball player and manager, died after a brief illness of cancer of the throat, aged 54 years. He was president of the Three-I league in 1908, and was former manager of St. Louis, Columbus, Milwaukee, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and Washington clubs.

Two Killed In Feud.
Lyons, Ga., April 18.—As the result of a feud battle here, A. S. Collins and his son Marion are dead; James Lewis is dying, and Martin Hill and Harry Johnson, friends of Lewis, are badly wounded.

THREW WIFE OVER FALLS MAN MAKES CONFESSION

Antioch, Ill., April 18.—Foster Johnson appeared voluntarily before Justice of the Peace Jones and confessed that six years ago he threw his wife over Niagara Falls. He said he wanted to be taken back for trial in order to escape committing suicide. He had escaped suspicion in connection with the crime, as the coroner's jury had returned a verdict of "suicide," after the finding of the woman's body.

Johnson said the murder was committed Oct. 4, 1904. He and his wife had had several quarrels because of

the attentions Johnson paid to other women. Mrs. Johnson asked him to accompany her on a walk through the state reservation on the American side of the falls. The quarrel was resumed during the walk, Johnson said. They were on the edge of the river above the falls, and Johnson in a fit of anger pushed his wife into the stream, watching until she was swept over the cataract. No trace was found of the woman until Oct. 23, when her body was found floating in the whirlpool on the Canadian side.

FELL TO HIS DEATH

Akron, O., April 18.—William Rousert fell down a flight of stairs at Mathias Wein's saloon and broke his neck, dying instantly. According to officers he went up stairs for liquor, but was refused.

Correspondent Halford Dies.
Washington, April 18.—A. J. Halford, 58, a prominent newspaper correspondent, died at his home in Washington. He was born in Hamilton, O.

PUT ON AIKIN LIST

Pleasanton, Tex., April 18.—A. J. Pottet, a wealthy ranchman of this section, mysteriously disappeared 10 days ago near Converse, Ia., while on a cattle-buying trip. He carried a large sum of money with him, and it is believed that he was murdered and his body secreted. All traces of him were lost a short distance from town.

Because the foxhounds of the Westchester (N. Y.) Hunt club developed rabies, the entire pack of 60 was killed.

Emil Seidel, Socialist Mayor Of Milwaukee, Wis.



An interesting topic of conversation in political circles at the present time is the result of the recent mayoralty election in Milwaukee, Wis. Emil Seidel, who headed the Socialist ticket, was elected to that office by an overwhelming majority. Mayor Elect Seidel, who is a middle aged man, has been prominently recognized in socialist circles for some time, and members of that political organization look to him to institute a number of reforms in that Wisconsin city advocated by the body which he represents.

TURN OFF ELECTRIC CURRENT AND ESCAPE FROM PEN

Columbus, O., April 18.—For the second time in two months a double escape from the penitentiary was effected. While the sky was dark and a heavy rain was falling, Edward Driscoll, serving seven years for larceny in Montgomery county, and John Elson Potter, serving six years for robbery in Coshocton county, threw the switch that controlled the

lights inside the west walls and, before the guards realized the cause of the sudden darkness, made a getaway over the west wall. The escape was effected in a manner novel to the penitentiary officials and developed an avenue to freedom that previously had not been considered. The men were trustees and, had they not been, could not have escaped in the manner used.

MANY HOUSE BILLS DOOMED TO DEATH

Lower Branch Is Far Behind Its Calendar.

Columbus, O., April 18.—If the house decides to stop work April 23, which it is likely to do, it will have to dispose of 166 bills now on the calendar or adjourn with a large number of bills untouched. Of the 166 bills, 113 are house measures, which will have but little chance of passage even if they get through the house in a hurry, as the senate would not likely get to them; the other 53 are senate bills.

It is probable that this latter number is just about the number of bills which the house will pass, unless it commences to hold morning or night sessions. Twenty-five bills a week is a fair guess as to the number it will handle under ordinary circumstances. There are two measures of general interest to be considered in the house this week which have been made special orders. One is the Elson proposition to submit to the voters a proposition to amend the constitution to extend the franchise to women, and the other is the Mooney senate bill to call a constitutional convention. There is some opposition to the Mooney bill, as a number of the house members are of the opinion that a convention would be waste of money because the chances are much against the work of a convention being accepted by the people.

Senator Nelson A. Aldrich emphatically denies the rumors that he intends to quit the senate at the expiration of his present term.

While attempting to frighten boys who were peeping into the dressing tent of the lady performers of the Norris & Rowe circus at Evansville, Ind., a woman attaché shot and fatally wounded James Simpson.

BOOSTS HER FATHER

Columbus, O., April 18.—Miss Ruth Edythe Kempel, daughter of Representative Kempel of Summit county, is managing her father's candidacy for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor, and if he is successful in his ambition, much of the credit for this will be due to her. When her father was a candidate for representative she took a keen interest in his political affairs and helped him to win the nomination and election. She is her father's secretary and as such has charge of his correspondence.

KILLS HIS SISTER

West Jefferson, O., April 18.—While enacting scenes they had witnessed at a theater, Myron Moorehead, 14, shot and probably fatally wounded his 15-year-old sister, Alda. A muzzle-loading shotgun was used and was accidentally discharged while the boy had it pointed at his sister. The heavy load of buckshot tore nearly half of her face away.

THIS AND THAT

Two negroes were lynched at Ash-burn, Ga., for an assault committed on a white woman.

Frank Burns, student at Rennselaer Polytechnic school, died as the result of injuries received in a ball game.

DROWNED WHILE SEEKING SAFETY

Missionaries Reported Dead In Collision Near Changsha.

GUNBOAT HITS CHINESE JUNK

Reports From Scenes of Rice Riots Indicate That State of Anarchy Exists and Is Spreading Rapidly to Neighboring Towns—Governor Killed and Bank Looted—Foreigners Save Lives by Taking Up Residence on Ship Below City.

Shanghai, April 18.—Reports are current to the effect that the English gunboat Thistle, while rushing to Changsha to protect the foreigners there, collided with a Chinese junk, carrying escaping missionaries. The junk sank and many aboard were drowned.

Forty refugees from Changsha have arrived at Hankow. They report that all the foreign buildings at Changsha have been destroyed by the rioters. The governor has been killed and the British consulate and the customs house have been abandoned. The city is blazing in many places.

Advices from other sources are to the effect that complete anarchy prevails at Changsha. The rioters have looted the government bank. The foreigners are safe on board steamers below the city. The riots are spreading to neighboring towns.

STAND IN RAIN TO GET PEEP AT TEDDY

Roosevelt Party Warmly Welcomed at Budapest.

Budapest, April 18.—Roosevelt's welcome to Hungary surpassed anything he is likely to experience during his whole tour. The crowds and the enthusiasm could not have been greater if the people had been welcoming the savior of the country. Nine addresses of welcome and nine speeches of thanks formed part of the program of Roosevelt's entry.

When the train arrived here rain was falling, but in response to the mayor's appeal the townsfolk turned out by the thousands. There must have been 6,000 waiting outside the station in the rain. Within the station itself the crowd swarmed everywhere and when the train came in the officials could hardly clear the track. Scores of men and boys climbed on the roofs of the cars. A fervent welcome was extended by the mayor, and Roosevelt, wearing a cavalry colonel's coat and a black felt hat, made an eloquent reply. Roosevelt then proceeded through crowded streets to the hotel, the people cheering and shouting "Long live Teddy."

BATTLE OPENS TODAY

D. A. R. Meet In Washington to Settle Scott-Gerald Feud.

Washington, April 18.—With both sides in full battle array and thoroughly reinforced by legal opinion, the annual congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution opened here today. Probably every member of every delegation has been approached as soon as she arrived by emissaries of both sides and has already ranged herself for or against Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, the president general, elected a year ago. Miss Gerald, whose removal from a clerical position by President General Scott, has stirred up bitter feeling among the Daughters, has placed her case in the hands of L. C. Williamson, who assured her that Mrs. Scott had not the power to discharge her. Mrs. Scott consulted a lawyer and was assured that she was right and in no wise exceeded her authority.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS YIELD

Lackawanna Strike Order Cancelled at Eleventh Hour.

Scranton, Pa., April 18.—After the strike order calling upon employees of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad to go out at midnight had been issued by the federated board of engineers, conductors and trainmen, General Manager T. E. Clarke of the Lackawanna sent for members of the board and, after a conference, agreed to abide by the result of the New York Central railroad arbitration, and messages were at once sent to every point on the road cancelling the strike order.

FOUR AERONAUTS DROP TO EARTH

German Balloon Torn To Pieces By Lightning Stroke

Start Made Under The Most Auspicious Circumstances, But Sudden Thunderstorm Turns Pleasure Trip Into Carnival Of Death—Villager Finds Victims Scattered Among Vegetables In Garden, While Gas Bag Hangs From Tree

Berlin, April 18.—During a violent storm lightning struck the balloon Delitzsch, belonging to the Bitterfeld Aero club, and the four occupants of the basket were killed. The exact circumstances of the catastrophe can never be known, for the only evidences are the wrecked balloon and the shattered bodies of the men who met their fate unseen, without the possibility of human help.

It was calm and clear when the Delitzsch rose in the air at Bitterfeld, and the occupants were enthusiastic over the perfect conditions for a trip. Herr Luft, a Bitterfeld merchant and an experienced amateur balloonist, and Pilot Lueschenring, an expert aeronaut, were well qualified to balance any lack of experience on the part of their companions, two Leipzig merchants, Graupner and Hoecker.

Early in the morning a resident of Reichensachsen, about 60 miles from Bitterfeld, heard among peals of thunder one crash so loud that he believed lightning had struck a house, but not hearing anything further likely to support this belief, he went to sleep again. Going out after daylight he was astonished to find a wrecked balloon and four distorted bodies of men lying in his garden.

The bag of the balloon was ripped and tattered in an amazing fashion. It was hanging in a tree, through the boughs of which the men had evidently fallen.

Fell From Great Height.

From the condition of the bodies and the deep depression in the ground it was evident that they had fallen from a great height. It also became apparent upon examination that the disaster was due to lightning striking the balloon. Whether it also killed the occupants is not quite certain, but there were sufficient indications to encourage the belief that they were spared the awful experience of falling alive to death.

Herr Lueschenring was engaged to steer the Parseval airship on the passenger route from Munich to Oberammergau, which will be inaugurated shortly. The disaster, following others that have lately happened in Germany, incidentally illustrates the enormous impetus given to aeronautics in the empire, initially due to Count Zeppelin's example.

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A LINER ON ROCKS

Columbus, O., April 18.—Liquor inspectors from the state dairy and food commissioner's department have discovered local option laws were being violated at Zanewille, and as a result 19 alleged proprietors of speakeasies were certified to the auditor of Muskingum county by State Auditor Fullington for payment of the Alkin liquor tax.

Camp D.A.R. Agair. Changed.

Columbus, O., April 18.—For the third time the dates for the artillery maneuvers of the regular and state troops at Sparta, Wis., have been changed. Colonel E. N. Weaver, chief of division, at Washington, has advised the adjutant general's department that the war department had finally fixed upon July 1 to 10 as the time for the Columbus, Toledo and Cleveland batteries to go into camp at Sparta.

MARIETTA TO CELEBRATE JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY

Marietta, O., April 18.—The city of Marietta, the site of the first settlement in Ohio and the Northwest Territory, is 122 years old this month, and will celebrate its jubilee anniversary during the week of June 12. The Muskingum academy, of which the Marietta college of today is the outgrowth, was built and opened by the pioneers in the year 1800, a century

and a decade ago. Marietta college as it now exists was chartered in 1855.

Elaborate arrangements are being made for the celebration of the institution's anniversary, including addresses by President Taft, Governor Harmon of Ohio, Governor Hughes of New York and other distinguished men. The exercises will occupy the entire week of June 12-18.

KILLED BY BASE BALL

Freeburg, Ill., April 18.—William Schmitt, 28, member of Freeburg's baseball team, was killed while playing with his team against a St. Louis club. While Schmitt was at bat a thrown ball from the St. Louis pitcher hit him over the heart. Schmitt threw up his hands and fell to the ground, dying a few minutes later. The St. Louis pitcher was held for the coroner.

SUFFRAGISTS AT CAPITOL

Delegates Present Petitions For "Votes For Women."

Washington, April 18.—The members of the National Woman Suffrage association, which is in session here, made a descent upon the capitol this morning and presented a monster petition asking for votes for women. The descent was made in automobiles, each state delegation in a separate car, with banners flying. Tomorrow the delegates will appear before the house and senate committees in behalf of their movement.

Dow Buried at Bellefontaine.

Bellefontaine, O., April 18.—The funeral of Judge Duncan Dow will be held at his home this afternoon. Business will be suspended during the funeral.